

Three Card Bonus Wager In Let It Ride Poker

Gaming Equipment

Rules of the Games

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.13H; and 19:47-18.3, 18.6A, 18.7, 18.8, 18.9, 18.10 and 18.11

Temporary New Rule: N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6B

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-5, 69a, 70f and 100

The temporary rules follow:

### **Summary**

The temporary amendments and new rule will permit an additional supplemental wager in the authorized game of let it ride poker. This wager, which will be referred to in the rules as the “three card bonus wager,” will permit a player to place a \$1.00 wager on whether the three cards dealt to the player will have a rank of pair or better. A winning hand for a “three card bonus wager” shall be paid in accordance with a posted pay table of odds pre-selected by the casino licensee from among six alternative pay tables.

Let it ride poker currently features a supplemental wager at N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6A which permits a player to place a \$1.00 wager on whether the player’s full five-card hand, including the two community cards, will have a rank of three-of-a-kind or better. A winning hand is paid a fixed dollar amount based upon the rank of the hand. For purposes of differentiation, this “optional bonus wager” is being renamed the “let it ride bonus wager.” Both supplemental wagers may be offered together under the temporary amendments.

The temporary amendment at N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.13H(m) contains the gaming table layout and signage requirements if a casino licensee offers the three card bonus wager. The temporary amendment at N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.3 sets forth the permissible three card bonus wager hands eligible for a payout. The temporary amendment to N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6A changes the name of the currently offered optional bonus wager to the “let it ride bonus wager.” The temporary new rule N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6B sets forth the operational parameters

for the three card bonus wager. The temporary amendments at N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.7, 18.8 and 18.9 reflect the name change for the currently offered optional bonus wager in the three types of authorized dealing procedures. The temporary amendment at N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.10 sets forth the procedure for identifying and settling winning and losing three card bonus wagers. The temporary amendment at N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.11 sets forth the payout odds for the three card bonus wager in six alternative pay tables, one of which is to be pre-selected by the casino licensee.

**Full text** of the temporary adoption follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

19:46-1.13H Let it ride poker table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) The layout for a let it ride poker table shall be approved by the Commission and shall contain, at a minimum:

1. - 4. (No change.)

5. The payout odds for all authorized wagers, including the [optional] **let it ride** bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6A **and the three card bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6B**, if the casino licensee offers [the] **either** optional wager; [and]

6. The inscription indicating the payout limit per hand established by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.11 or a generic inscription indicating the game is subject to the posted payout limit; **and**

**7. If a casino licensee offers the optional three card bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6B, a separate designated area at each betting position for the placement of the three card bonus wager.**

(c) – (d) (No change.)

(e) If a casino licensee offers the [optional ] **let it ride** bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6A, the let it ride poker table shall also include the following equipment or devices, which shall be submitted to and

approved by the Commission, together with the procedures for their operation and use:

1. A wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the **let it ride** bonus wager;
2. A control device that controls or monitors the placement of **let it ride** bonus wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism that prevents the recognition of any **let it ride** bonus wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "No more bets;" and
3. (No change.)

### **19:47-18.3 Let it ride poker rankings**

(a) – (b) (No change.)

**(c) For purposes of the optional three card bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6B, the permissible three card bonus wager hands eligible for a payout in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.11(e) shall be:**

1. **“Mini-royal” is a hand consisting of an ace, king and queen of the same suit;**
2. **“Straight flush” is a hand, other than a mini-royal, consisting of three cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking;**
3. **“Flush” is a hand consisting of three cards of the same suit;**
4. **“Straight” is a hand consisting of three cards of consecutive rank; provided, however, that an ace may not be combined with a king and a two to form a straight or a straight flush;**
5. **“Three-of-a-kind” is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank; and**
6. **“Pair” is a hand consisting of two cards of the same rank.”**

### **19:47-18.6A [Optional] Let it ride bonus wager**

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer to each player at a let it ride poker table the option to make an additional "**let it ride** bonus wager" that the player will receive a poker hand with a rank of three-of-a-kind or better;

provided, however, that the casino licensee shall comply with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C 19:47-8.3 prior to withdrawing the option.

(b) Prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets," each player who has placed the three wagers required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6 may make an additional **let it ride** bonus wager by placing a \$1.00 gaming chip on or in the approved wagering device designated for that wager.

(c) All winning **let it ride** bonus wagers shall be paid in accordance with the payout schedule in N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.11(d).

(d) A **let it ride** bonus wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of let it ride poker.

#### **19:47-18.6B Three card bonus wager**

(a) **A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer to each player at a let it ride poker table the option to make an additional "three card bonus wager" that the three cards dealt to the player will have a rank of pair or better; provided, however, that the casino licensee shall comply with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C 19:47-8.3 prior to withdrawing the option.**

(b) **Prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets," each player who has placed the three wagers required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6 may make an additional three card bonus wager by placing a \$1.00 gaming chip on the approved wagering area designated for that wager.**

(c) **All winning three card bonus wagers shall be paid in accordance with the payout table in N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.11(e) pre-selected by the casino licensee.**

(d) **A three card bonus wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of let it ride poker.**

19:47-18.7 Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe

(a) (No change.)

(b) The dealer shall announce "No more bets" prior to dealing any cards. If any [optional] **let it ride** bonus wagers have been made, the dealer shall also collect these wagers from the approved wagering devices and shall then verify, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of wagers acknowledged or accepted by the wagering devices. The dealer shall then place the gaming chips into the table inventory container in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20.

(c) – (f) (No change.)

#### 19:47-18.8 Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand

(a) (No change.)

(b) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed.

1. - 2. (No change.)

3. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" prior to dealing any cards. If any [optional] **let it ride** bonus wagers have been made, the dealer shall also collect these wagers from the approved wagering devices and shall then verify, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of wagers acknowledged or accepted by the wagering devices. The dealer shall then place the gaming chips into the table inventory container in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20.

(c) - (e) (No change.)

#### 19:47-18.9 Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe

(a) (No change.)

(b) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed.

1. (No change.)

2. Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall then announce "No more bets". If any [optional] **let it ride** bonus wagers

have been made, the dealer shall also collect these wagers from the approved wagering devices and shall then verify, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of wagers acknowledged or accepted by the wagering devices. The dealer shall then place the gaming chips into the table inventory container in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20.

(c) - (e) (No change.)

19:47-18.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) – (f) (No change.)

(g) After the second community card is turned face up, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to his or her right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, [turn the three cards of each player face up] **complete the following applicable procedures in succession for each player.**

1. **The dealer shall turn the three cards of the player face up.**

The two community cards and the three cards dealt to [each] **the** player shall form the five card poker hand of [each] **that** player.

2. The dealer shall examine the cards of [each] **the** player to determine if the player's hand qualifies for a payout pursuant to N.J.A.C.

19:47-18.11. [(h)] Any **let it ride poker** wager on a hand which has a rank that is lower than a pair of tens shall be a losing wager.

3. **The dealer shall then settle all wagers of that player, including any bonus wagers.** All losing wagers **by the player** shall be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the table inventory container. [The cards of any player who has made a losing wager shall be collected and placed in the discard rack.] [(i)] After all losing wagers have been collected, all winning wagers[, including any winning bonus wagers] shall be paid **in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.11 or as otherwise approved by the Commission.**

4. All [winning] hands shall remain face up on the layout until all [winning] wagers have been [paid] **settled** by the dealer. [Each winning wager that remains on the table shall be paid in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.11 or as otherwise approved by the Commission.

1. The dealer shall pay all winning wagers beginning with the player farthest to the right of the dealer and continuing counterclockwise around the table.

2. After paying all winning wagers, the dealer shall immediately collect the cards of all winning players and the community cards and place them in the discard rack.]

**[(j)] (h) After settling all wagers, the dealer shall immediately collect the cards of all players and the community cards and place them in the discard rack.** All cards collected by the dealer shall be picked up in order and placed in the discard rack in such a way that they can be readily arranged to reconstruct each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

19:47-18.11 Payout odds; payout limitation

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) Notwithstanding the minimum payout odds required in (b) above, a casino licensee may establish a maximum amount as approved by the Commission that is payable to a player on a single hand, which amount shall be at least \$50,000 or the maximum amount that one patron could win per round when betting the minimum permissible wager, whichever is greater. If the established payout limit is not included on the layout, each casino licensee shall provide notice of any decrease in the payout limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.3. Any maximum payout limit established by a casino licensee shall apply only to payouts of let it ride poker wagers placed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6 and shall not apply to payouts of **let it ride** bonus wagers placed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6A **or three card bonus wagers placed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-18.6B.**

(d) A casino licensee shall pay off each winning **let it ride** bonus wager at no less than the following monetary amounts:

Wager	[Bonus] Payout
Royal Flush	\$ 25,000
Straight Flush	\$ 2,500
Four-of-a-kind	\$ 400.00
Full House	\$ 200.00
Flush	\$ 50.00
Straight	\$ 25.00
Three-of-a-kind	\$ 5.00

(e) A casino licensee shall pay off each winning three card bonus wager at no less than the odds set forth in the alternative pay table below that was pre-selected by the casino licensee:

	Table A	Table B	Table C
<b>Mini-royal</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Straight flush</b>	<b>40 to 1</b>	<b>40 to 1</b>	<b>40 to 1</b>
<b>Three-of-a-kind</b>	<b>30 to 1</b>	<b>30 to 1</b>	<b>30 to 1</b>
<b>Straight</b>	<b>6 to 1</b>	<b>5 to 1</b>	<b>6 to 1</b>
<b>Flush</b>	<b>4 to 1</b>	<b>4 to 1</b>	<b>3 to 1</b>
<b>Pair</b>	<b>1 to 1</b>	<b>1 to 1</b>	<b>1 to 1</b>

	Table D	Table E	Table F
<b>Mini-royal</b>	<b>50 to 1</b>	<b>50 to 1</b>	<b>50 to 1</b>
<b>Straight flush</b>	<b>40 to 1</b>	<b>40 to 1</b>	<b>40 to 1</b>
<b>Three-of-a-kind</b>	<b>30 to 1</b>	<b>30 to 1</b>	<b>30 to 1</b>
<b>Straight</b>	<b>6 to 1</b>	<b>5 to 1</b>	<b>6 to 1</b>
<b>Flush</b>	<b>4 to 1</b>	<b>4 to 1</b>	<b>3 to 1</b>
<b>Pair</b>	<b>1 to 1</b>	<b>1 to 1</b>	<b>1 to 1</b>